Auditing Procedures Report

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| Unit Name Bridgeton Township | County NEW | /AYGO | Type TOWNSHIP | MuniCode | 62-1-050 |
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| TOninion Date-Hise Calendar Sen 30, 2008 1 | Audit Submitted-Use Calendar | Oct 1, 2008 | Fiscal Year End Month 03 | Fiscal Year | 2008 |

If a local unit of government (authorities & commissions included) is operating within the boundaries of the audited entity and is NOT included in this or any other audit report, nor do they obtain a stand-alone audit, enclose the name(s), address(es), and a description(s) of the authority and/or commission.

Place a check next to each "Yes" or non-applicable question below. Questions left unmarked should be those you wish to answer "No."

| | <i>,</i> | |
|---|----------|--|
| X | ? 1 | . Are all required component units/funds/agencies of the local unit included in the financial statements and/or disclosed in the reporting entity notes to the financial statements? |
| X | ? 2 | . Does the local unit have a positive fund balance in all of its unreserved fund balances/unrestricted net assets? |
| X | ? 3 | . Were the local unit's actual expenditures within the amounts authorized in the budget? |
| X | ? 4. | Is this unit in compliance with the Uniform Chart of Accounts issued by the Department of Treasury? |
| X | ? 5. | Did the local unit adopt a budget for all required funds? |
| X | ? 6. | Was a public hearing on the budget held in accordance with State statute? |
| X | ? 7. | Is the local unit in compliance with the Revised Municipal Finance Act, an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act, and other guidance as issued by the Local Audit and Finance Division? |
| X | ? 8. | Has the local unit distributed tax revenues, that were collected for another taxing unit, timely as required by the general property tax act? |
| X | ? 9. | Do all deposits/investments comply with statutory requirements including the adoption of an investment policy? |
| X | 10 |). Is the local unit free of illegal or unauthorized expenditures that came to your attention as defined in the Bulletin for Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan, as revised (see Appendix H of Bulletin.) |
| X | 11 ? | . Is the unit free of any indications of fraud or illegal acts that came to your attention during the course of audit that have not been previously communicated to the Local Audit and Finance Division? (If there is such activity, please submit a separate report under separate cover.) |
| X | ?12 | . Is the local unit free of repeated reported deficiencies from previous years? |
| X | ? 13 | . Is the audit opinion unqualified? 14. If not, what type of opinion is it? NA |
| X | 15 | . Has the local unit complied with GASB 34 and other generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP)? |
| X | ? 16 | . Has the board or council approved all disbursements prior to payment as required by charter or statute? |
| X | ?17 | . To your knowledge, were the bank reconciliations that were reviewed performed timely? |

| General Fund Revenue: | \$ 218,074.00 |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| General Fund Expenditure: | \$ 147,882.00 |
| Major Fund Deficit Amount: | \$ 0.00 |

?18. Are there reported deficiencies?

| General Fund Balance: ? | \$ 206,688.00 |
|--|------------------|
| Governmental Activities Long-Term Debt (see instructions): | \$ 0.00 |

We affirm that we are certified public accountants (CPA) licensed to practice in Michigan. We further affirm the above responses have been disclosed in the financial statements, including the notes, or in the Management Letter (reported deviations).

19. If so, was it attached to the audit report?

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TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGETON NEWAYGO COUNTY, MICHIGAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 2008

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TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGETON

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Supervisor

Carolyn Drake

Clerk

Daniel Schooley

Treasurer

James Schuiteman

Trustee

Sandy Califf

Trustee

H&S Companies

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Township Board Bridgeton Township Newaygo County Grant, Michigan

Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Bridgeton Township as of and for the year ended March 31, 2008, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Townships' management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Bridgeton Township, Michigan as of March 31, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 5 and 21 through 23, are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Using this Annual Report

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Governmental Wide Statement of Net Assets and the Government Wide Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the Township as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Township's finances. Fund financial statements tell how these services were financed in the short-term, as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the Township's operations in more detail than the government-wide financial statements.

The Township as a Whole

The Township's combined net assets increased 3.6% from two years ago - increasing from \$503,801 to \$522,069. In a condensed format, the table below shows key financial information is shown:

| | Governmental | | Governmental | |
|--|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| | Activities | | Activities | |
| | | 2008 | 2006 | |
| Current Assets | \$ | 462,276 | \$ | 366,863 |
| Noncurrent Assets | | 126,628 | | 138,873 |
| Total Assets | \$ | 588,904 | \$ | 505,736 |
| Long-Term Debt Outstanding | \$ | _ | \$ | _ |
| Other Liabilities | | 66,835 | | 1,935 |
| Total Liabilities | \$ | 66,835 | \$ | 1,935 |
| Net Assets | | | | |
| Invested in Capital Assets-Net of Debt | \$ | 126,628 | \$ | 138,873 |
| Unrestricted | | 395,441 | | 364,928 |
| Total Net Assets | \$ | 522,069 | \$ | 503,801 |

Unrestricted net assets - the part of net assets that can be used to finance day to day operating, increased by approximately \$30,500 for the governmental activities. This represents a increase of approximately 8.4%.

| | Governmental Activities 2008 | | Governmental Activities | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|--|
| | | | | 2006 | |
| Program Revenues | | | | | |
| Charges for Services | \$ | 14,495 | \$ | 15,930 | |
| General Revenues | | | | | |
| Property Taxes | | 139,870 | | 122,251 | |
| State Shared Revenues | | 155,318 | | 155,759 | |
| Interest & Dividends | | 8,819 | | 8,535 | |
| Refunds & Rebates | | 7,104 | | 6,312 | |
| Miscellaneous | | 11,988 | | 4,684 | |
| Total Revenues | \$ | 337,594 | \$ | 313,471 | |

| Program Expenses | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| General Government | 128,963 | 130,894 |
| Public Safety | 48,790 | 46,321 |
| Public Works | 26,099 | 143,050 |
| Community & Economic Development | 6,552 | 6,652 |
| Other Functions | 10,620 | |
| Total Expenses | 221,024 | 326,917 |
| Change in Net Assets | \$ 116,570 | \$ (13,446) |

The Township's total net assets continue to remain healthy. A slight increase in the tax base was offset by cutbacks in State Revenue Sharing.

Governmental Activities

The Township's total governmental revenues increased over the last two years by approximately \$24,000. The following revenues increased: property taxes increased \$16,500; other revenue increased by \$7,300; and refunds & rebates increased \$800. These increases were partially offset by a decrease in state shared revenue which dropped \$440.

Expenses decreased by about \$113,000 over the past two years; largely due to less funds spent on road improvements.

Business-Type Activities

The Township had no business type activities.

The Township's Fund

Our analysis of the Township's major funds follows the entity wide financial statements. The fund financial statements provide detail information about the most significant funds, not the Township as a whole. The Township Board creates funds to help manage money for specific purposes as well as to show accountability for certain activities, such as special property tax millages. The Township's major funds for 2008 include the General Fund, the Road Fund, and the Fire Fund.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Over the course of the year, the Township Board did not amend the budget to take into account events during the year which caused the Board to over-expend on several activities as reported in the notes to the financial statements.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

At the end of 2008, the Township had \$151,405 invested in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings, and equipment. In addition, the Township has invested significantly in roads within the Township. These assets are not reported in the township's financial statements because of Michigan law, which makes these roads property of the Newaygo County Road Commission (along with the responsibility to maintain them).

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

The Township's budget for 2008 projects that property taxes will remain the same due to a property tax freeze until 2009. The Township also projects that state shared revenue will also remain about the same. General Fund expenditures were budgeted very similar from the previous budget. A decrease of \$90,000 expense in the road fund budget for 2009-09.

Contacting the Township's Management

This financial report is intended to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers and investors with a general overview of the Township's finances and to show the Township's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, we welcome you to contact the clerk's office.

Government Wide Statement of Net Assets March 31, 2008

| | Governmental Activities | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|--|
| Assets | | | |
| Cash and Investments | \$ | 438,227 | |
| Taxes Receivable | | 18,559 | |
| Prepaid Insurance | | 1,755 | |
| Due From Other Governmental Units | | 217 | |
| Due From Tax Account | | 3,518 | |
| Land, Buildings and Equipment | | 151,405 | |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation | | (24,777) | |
| Total Assets | | 588,904 | |
| Liabilities and Net Assets | | | |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Accounts Payable | \$ | 40,800 | |
| Deferred Revenue | | 26,035 | |
| Total Liabilities | | 66,835 | |
| Net Assets | | | |
| Investments in General | | | |
| Fixed Assets | | 126,628 | |
| Unrestricted | | 395,441 | |
| Total Net Assets | | 522,069 | |
| Total Liabilities & Net Assets | \$ | 588,904 | |

Government Wide Statement of Activities For the Year Ended March 31, 2008

| | Program Revenues Charges for Expenses Services | | and Chang | enses) Revenue les in Net Assets ernmental ctivities | | |
|---|--|----------------|-----------|---|--------|-----------|
| Primary Government | | | | _ | | |
| General Government | \$ | 128,963 | \$ | - | \$ | (128,963) |
| Public Safety | | 48,790 | | 14,495 | | (34,295) |
| Public Works | | 26,099 | | - | | (26,099) |
| Community & Economic Dev. | | 6,552 | | | | (6,552) |
| Other Expenses | | 10,620 | | | | (10,620) |
| Total Primary Government | \$ | 221,024 | \$ | 14,495 | | (206,529) |
| General Revenue | 8 | | | | | |
| - · | | Levied for Ge | | • | | 34,174 |
| Property Taxes - Levied for Public Safety | | | | | 21,133 | |
| ± • | es - | Levied for Pul | blic Wo | ·ks | | 84,563 |
| PILT | | | | | | 6,668 |
| State Sources | 8 | | | | | 155,318 |
| Interest Incom | me | | | | | 8,819 |
| Refunds & R | lebat | es | | | | 7,104 |
| Miscellaneou | S | | | | | 5,320 |
| Total General Re | venu | es | | | | 323,099 |
| Change in Net As | ssets | | | | | 116,570 |
| Net Assets - Apri | 1 1, 2 | 2007 | | | | 405,499 |
| Net Assets - Marc | ch 31 | 1, 2008 | | | \$ | 522,069 |

Governmental Fund Balance Sheet March 31, 2008

| | General Fund | Road Fund | Fire Fund | Total Governmental Funds | | |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| ASSETS Cash and Investments Taxes Receivable | \$ 276,747 4,146 | \$ 136,410 11,531 | \$ 25,070 2,882 | \$ 438,227 18,559 | | |
| Accounts Receivable | - | - | 217 | 217 | | |
| Due from Tax Account | 3,518 | - | - | 3,518 | | |
| Due from Other Funds | - | - | 10,888 | 10,888 | | |
| Due From Schools | | | | | | |
| Total Assets | \$ 284,411 | \$ 147,941 | \$ 39,057 | \$ 471,409 | | |
| LIABILITIES | | | | | | |
| Accounts Payable | \$ 40,800 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 40,800 | | |
| Deferred Revenue | 26,035 | - | - | 26,035 | | |
| Due to Other Governments | 10,888 | | | 10,888 | | |
| Total Liabilities | 77,723 | - | - | 77,723 | | |
| FUND BALANCES | | | | | | |
| Unreserved | 206,688 | 147,941 | 39,057 | 393,686 | | |
| Reserved | | | | | | |
| Total Fund Balance | 206,688 | 147,941 | 39,057 | 393,686 | | |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Equity | \$ 284,411 | \$ 147,941 | \$ 39,057 | \$ 471,409 | | |

Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Assets For the Year Ended March 31, 2008

\$ 393,686

| Total net assets reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different from the amount reported as total governmental funds fund balance because: | |
|--|-------|
| Prepaid Insurance reflects amounts that will be used in a future period. | 1,755 |
| Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the fund statements. Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement | |

Total Governmental Fund Balances

of net assets:

| Governmental Capital Assets | 151,405 |
|---|------------|
| Governmental Accumulated Depreciation | (24,777) |
| Total Net Assets - Governmental Activities: | \$ 522,069 |

Governmental Fund Statements of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance For the Year Ended March 31, 2008

| | | | | | | | Total |
|-------------------------------|------|---------|---------------|----|----------|-----|-----------|
| | (| General | Road | | Fire | Gov | ernmental |
| | Fund | | Fund | | Fund | | Funds |
| Revenues | | | | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ | 34,174 | \$ 84,563 | \$ | 21,133 | \$ | 139,870 |
| PILT | | 6,668 | - | | - | | 6,668 |
| Licenses and Permits | | 5,836 | - | | - | | 5,836 |
| State Shared Revenue | | 155,318 | - | | - | | 155,318 |
| Charges for Services | | 3,250 | - | | 5,409 | | 8,659 |
| Interest & Dividends | | 5,419 | 1,953 | | 1,447 | | 8,819 |
| Refunds & Rebates | | 7,104 | - | | - | | 7,104 |
| Other | | 305 | 5,014 | | _ | | 5,319 |
| Total Revenues | | 218,074 | 91,530 | | 27,989 | | 337,593 |
| Expenditures | | | | | | | |
| General Government | | 122,420 | - | | - | | 122,420 |
| Public Safety | | 7,466 | - | | 41,324 | | 48,790 |
| Public Works | | 820 | 25,279 | | - | | 26,099 |
| Community & Economic Dev. | | 6,552 | - | | - | | 6,552 |
| Other | | 10,624 | _ | | | | 10,624 |
| Total Expenditures | | 147,882 | 25,279 | | 41,324 | | 214,485 |
| Excess Revenue Over | | | | | | | |
| (Under) Expenditures | | 70,192 | 66,251 | | (13,335) | | 123,108 |
| Fund Balance - April 1, 2007 | | 136,496 | 81,690 | | 52,392 | | 270,578 |
| Fund Balance - March 31, 2008 | \$ | 206,688 | \$ 147,941 | \$ | 39,057 | \$ | 393,686 |

Reconciliation of Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended March 31, 2008

| Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds | \$ | 123,108 |
|--|----|---------|
| Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because: | | |
| Prepaid expenses reflect amounts that will be paid in a future period: | | |
| Current Year Prepaid Insurance 1,755 | | |
| Prior Year Prepaid Insurance (1,750) | | 5 |
| The acquisition of capital assets are reported in the governmental funds as expenditures. However, for governmental activities those costs are shown in the statement of net assets and allocated over their estimated useful lives as annual depreciation expense | | |
| Capital outlay reported in governmental fund statements - | | |
| Capital outlay reported as expenses in statement of activities | | |
| The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, trade-ins, and donations) is to increase (decrease) in assets | | |
| Depreciation expense reported in the statement of activities (6,543) | | (6,543) |
| Depreciation expense reported in the statement of activities (0,545) | • | (0,543) |
| | | |
| Changes in Net Assets - Governmental Activities | \$ | 116,570 |

Statement of Net Assets - Fiduciary Funds March 31, 2008

| | <u>Ta</u> | x Fund |
|----------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| | | |
| Assets | | |
| Cash and Investments | \$ | 3,518 |
| Total Assets | \$ | 3,518 |
| | | |
| Liabilities and Net Assets | | |
| Liabilities | | |
| Due to Other Funds | \$ | 3,518 |
| Total Liabilities | | 3,518 |
| Net Assets | | |
| Unreserved | | |
| | | |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | \$ | 3,518 |

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended March 31, 2008

NOTE A SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of Bridgeton Township conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the significant policies us by Bridgeton Township.

These and other changes are reflected in the accompanying financial statements (including notes to financial statements).

A. Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is a general law township as defined by the laws of the State of Michigan. The Township is governed by a Supervisor and Township Board.

As defined by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) No. 14, the financial reporting entity consists of (1) the primary government, (2) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (3) other organizations for which the primary government is not accountable, but for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The primary government has financial accountability if it:

- 1. Appoints a voting majority of the organization's board, and, has the ability to impose its will on the organization; or
- 2. There is a potential for the component unit to provide certain financial benefits to, or impose certain financial burdens on, the primary government.

Based on this criteria, there are no other entities included in this report.

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment.

Program revenues include: (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment; and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter is excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures are generally recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, expenditures relating to compensated absences, and claims and judgments are recorded only when payment is due.

Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become susceptible to accrual, that is when they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the fiscal period.

1. Property Taxes Receivable

The Township property tax is levied on each December 1st on the taxable valuation of the property (as defined by state statutes) located in the Township as of the preceding December 31st. The taxes are due on September 14th and February 14th, with the final collection date of February 28th before they are added to the County tax rolls. The 2007 delinquent taxes of \$4,145 were received in May, 2008, therefore they were recorded as

The 2007 taxable valuation of the Township totaled \$43,478,532 on which ad valorem taxes levied consisted of .686 mills for general operating, 1.909 mills for road operating, and .477 mills for fire operating raising \$29,846 for operating, \$83,016 for roads, and \$20,746 for fire. These amounts are recognized in the respective general and special revenue fund financial statements as current tax revenue.

The government reports the following major governmental funds:

The General fund is the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The Fire fund accounts for the resources of property tax revenue and charges for services that are restricted for fire protection purposes.

The Road fund accounts for the resources of property taxes revenue and charges for services that are restricted for road repair and improvement purposes.

Private-sector standards of accounting issued prior to December 1, 1989, are generally followed in the government-wide financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with the standards of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Amounts reported as program revenue include: (1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services or privileges provided; (2) operating grants and contributions; and (3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenue rather than as program revenue. Likewise, general revenue includes all taxes.

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balance

<u>Bank Deposits and Investments</u> - Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less when acquired. Investments are stated at fair value.

Pooled investment income is generally allocated to each fund based on the cash balance in each fund.

<u>Receivables and Payables</u> - In general, outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds". Activity between funds that is representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year is referred to as "advances to/from other funds".

<u>Inventories and Prepaid Items</u> - Payments for inventoriable types of supplies are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase. Normally expenditures are not divided between years by the recording of prepaid expenses. There were no material inventories at year end.

Expenses that are paid in advance of the applicable fiscal year are recorded as prepaid expenses in the government-wide financial statements and later expensed in the applicable fiscal year.

<u>Capital Assets</u> - Capital assets, which include property, buildings and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

Property, plant and equipment is depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

| Buildings | 30 to 50 years |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Building Improvements | 15 to 30 years |
| Vehicles | 3 to 5 years |
| Office Equipment | 5 to 7 years |
| General Equipment | 5 to 10 years |

<u>Long-Term Obligations</u> - In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities statement of net assets. As of March 31, 2008 the Township has no outstanding debt.

<u>Fund Equity</u> - In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

<u>Use of Estimates</u> - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with general accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE B STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

<u>Budgetary Information</u> - Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for all governmental funds. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end. The Township approves its originally adopted budget by the end of the current fiscal year.

The budget document presents information by fund, activity, and line items. The legal level of budgetary control adopted by the governing body is the activity level.

The Township does not utilize encumbrance accounting.

Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations in Budgeted Funds - During the year, the Local Governmental Unit incurred expenditures in certain budgeted funds which were in excess of the amounts appropriated which were immaterial.

NOTE C DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 129.91, authorizes the Township to make deposits and invest in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations which have an office in Michigan. The Township is allowed to invest in bonds, securities and other direct obligations of the United States or any agency or instrumentality of the United States; Certificates of deposit, savings accounts, or depository receipts of a financial institution; United States government or federal agency obligations; repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptance of United States banks; commercial paper rated within the two highest classifications which mature not more than 270 days after the date of purchase; obligations of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions which are rated as investment grade; investment pools organized under the investment pool act, 1982 PA 367, 129.111 to 129.118; investment pools organized under the local government investment pool act, 1985 PA 121, MCL 129.141 to 129.150; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan.

The Township's deposits and investment policy are in accordance with statutory authority.

The Township's deposits were reported in the basic financial statements in the following categories:

| | | | | | | Total |
|---------------------------|------------------------|---------|---------|------------|--------|---------|
| | Governmental Fiduciary | | duciary | P | rimary | |
| | A | F | Funds | Government | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | -\$ | 438,227 | \$ | 3,518 | \$ | 441,745 |

The Township believes that due to the dollar amounts of cash deposits and the limits of FDIC insurance, it is impractical to insure all bank deposits. As a result, the Township evaluates each financial institution with which it deposits Township funds and assesses the level of risk of each institution; only those institutions with an acceptable estimated risk level are used as depositories.

Investments are normally categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Township; however, cash management funds are not categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. Management believes the investments in the funds comply with the investment authority noted above.

| | Carrying | Market |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | <u>Value</u> | <u>Value</u> |
| Checking - General Fund | \$ 276,747 | \$ 276,638 |
| Checking - Tax Fund | 109 | 1,242 |
| Checking - Road Fund | 136,410 | 136,410 |
| Checking - Fire Fund | 25,070 | 25,070 |
| Savings - Tax Fund | 3,409 | 3,409 |
| Total Deposits | \$ 441,745 | \$ 442,769 |
| FDIC Insured | \$ 103,409 | \$ 103,409 |
| Uninsured | 338,336 | 339,360 |
| | \$ 441,745 | \$ 442,769 |

NOTE D RECEIVABLES

Receivables as of year-end for the Township's individual major and nonmajor funds, and the fiduciary funds in the aggregate, including the applicable allowances for uncollected accounts, are as follows:

| | General | | | Road Fund | | Fire Fund | | |
|---------------------|---------|-------|----|--------------|----|--------------|----|--------|
| | | Fund | | | | | | Total |
| Property Taxes | \$ | 4,145 | \$ | 11,531 | \$ | 2,882 | \$ | 18,558 |
| Accounts Receivable | | - | | = | | 217 | | 217 |
| Less: Allowance for | | | | | | | | |
| Uncollectible | | | | | | - | | |
| Net Receivables | \$ | 4,145 | \$ | 11,531 | \$ | 3,099 | \$ | 18,775 |

Based upon the Township's history of collections, the Township anticipates 100% collection of all receivables, therefore the Allowance for Uncollectible accounts at 3/31/08 is zero.

NOTE E CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity of the primary government of the current year was as follows:

| Governmental | Ве | eginning | | | | | | Ending | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|----------|-----------|---------|-----------|---|---------|---------|--|--|
| Activities | E | Balance | Increases | | Decreases | | Balance | | | |
| Capital Assets not being depreciated | | | | | | | | | | |
| Land | \$ | 1,691 | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 1,691 | | |
| Capital Assets Being Depreciat | ed | | | | | | | | | |
| Buildings & Improvements | | 93,044 | | _ | | - | | 93,044 | | |
| Land Improvements | | 53,477 | | _ | | - | | 53,477 | | |
| Furniture & Equipment | | 3,193 | | | | - | | 3,193 | | |
| Subtotal | | 149,714 | | | | | 149,714 | | | |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation | n for | | | | | | | | | |
| Buildings | | 8,944 | | 2,585 | | - | | 11,529 | | |
| Land Improvements | | 8,852 | | 3,565 | | - | | 12,417 | | |
| Furniture & Equipment | | 437 | | 394 | | | | 831 | | |
| Subtotal | | 18,233 | | 6,544 | | | | 24,777 | | |
| Net Capital Assets | | | | | | | | | | |
| being depreciated | | 131,481 | | (6,544) | | | | 124,937 | | |
| Total Governmental | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activities Capital Assets | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Net of Depreciation | \$ | 133,172 | \$ | (6,544) | \$ | - | \$ | 126,628 | | |

Depreciation expense was charged to programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental Activities General Government

\$ 6,544

NOTE F INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, AND TRANSFERS

The composition of interfund balances is as follows:

| Receiv | able Fund | | | Payable Fund | d | |
|--------|---------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|----|-----------------|
| | | (Due From) | | (Due To) | | |
| | General Fund Fire Fund | | \$ 3,518 10,888 | Trust & Agency Fund General Fund | \$ | 3,518 10,888 |
| | | | \$ 14,406 | | \$ | 14,406 |

All amounts are expected to be paid within one year.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

NOTE G LEASES

On October 31, 2005 the Township entered into an agreement with the Harold May estate for one year, with a right of automatic extension while awaiting grant funding, for the exclusive right to purchase the land that the new Township hall is on for not more than \$200,000. During this time, the Township will lease the land for \$2,500 per year.

NOTE H RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets and omissions; and natural disasters for which the Township carries commercial insurance. Liabilities in excess of insurance coverage, if any, are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated.

NOTE I EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT AND BENEFIT SYSTEMS

The Township does not participate in a pension plan. There were no unpaid vacation or sick leave benefits at year end.

NOTE J PERMITS

Public Act 245 of 1999 (The Stille-Derossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act) restricts the use of fees collected under this Act for the operation of the enforcing agency and/or the Construction Board of Appeals effective January 1, 2000. The following is the required accounting for such fees:

| Beginning Excess Costs Over Fees Collected | \$ (5,255) |
|---|---------------|
| Fees Collected 2008 | 5,286 |
| Wages, Professional Fees and Other Expenses | (7,466) |
| Excess Costs Over Fees Collected | \$ (7,435) |

NOTE K DEFERRED REVENUE

Governmental funds report deferred revenue in connection with receivables for revenue that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. Governmental funds also defer revenue recognition in connection with resources that have been received but not yet earned. At the end of the current fiscal year, the various components of deferred revenue are as follows:

| | _Unavailable_ | Unearned |
|--------|---------------|-----------|
| Grants | | \$ 26,035 |

Required Supplementary Information Budgetary Comparison Schedule for General Fund For the Year Ended March 31, 2008

| | Budgeted | Variance to | | |
|---|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| | Original | Final | Actual | Final Budget |
| Beginning Year Fund Balance | \$ 136,496 | \$ 136,496 | \$ 136,496 | \$ - |
| Resources (Inflows) | | | | |
| Property Taxes | 22,000 | 22,000 | 34,174 | 12,174 |
| PILT | - | - | 6,668 | 6,668 |
| Licenses & Permits | - | - | 5,836 | 5,836 |
| State Shared Revenue | 153,910 | 153,910 | 155,318 | 1,408 |
| Charges for Services | - | - | 3,250 | 3,250 |
| Interest & Dividends | - | - | 5,419 | 5,419 |
| Refunds & Rebates | - | - | 7,104 | 7,104 |
| Other | | | 305 | 305 |
| Amounts Available for Appropriation | 312,406 | 312,406 | 354,570 | 42,164 |
| Charges to Appropriations (Outflows) | | | | |
| General Government | 264,750 | 264,750 | 122,420 | 142,330 |
| Public Safety | 8,100 | 8,100 | 7,466 | 634 |
| Public Works | 1,000 | 1,000 | 820 | 180 |
| Community & Economic Dev | 9,400 | 9,400 | 6,552 | 2,848 |
| Other | 10,500 | 10,500 | 10,624 | (124) |
| Total Charges to Appropriation | 293,750 | 293,750 | 147,882 | 145,868 |
| Budgetary Fund Balance - March 31, 2008 | \$ 18,656 | \$ 18,656 | \$ 206,688 | \$ 188,032 |

Required Supplementary Information Budgetary Comparison Schedule for Road Fund For the Year Ended March 31, 2008

| | Budgeted | Variance to | | | |
|---|-----------|--------------|------------|--------------|--|
| | Original | <u>Final</u> | Actual | Final Budget | |
| Beginning Year Fund Balance | \$ 81,690 | \$ 81,690 | \$ 81,690 | \$ - | |
| Resources (Inflows) | | | | | |
| Property Taxes | 18,000 | 18,000 | 84,563 | 66,563 | |
| Interest | - | - | 1,953 | 1,953 | |
| Miscellaneous | - | - | 5,014 | 5,014 | |
| Operating Transfers In | | | | | |
| Amounts Available for Appropriation | 99,690 | 99,690 | 173,220 | 73,530 | |
| Charges to Appropriations | | | | | |
| Contracted Services | 35,000 | 35,000 | 25,279 | 9,721 | |
| Total Charges to Appropriation | 35,000 | 35,000 | 25,279 | 9,721 | |
| Budgetary Fund Balance - March 31, 2006 | \$ 64,690 | \$ 64,690 | \$ 147,941 | \$ 83,251 | |

Required Supplementary Information Budgetary Comparison Schedule for Fire Fund For the Year Ended March 31, 2008

| | Budgeted | Variance to | | |
|---|-----------|-------------|-----------|--------------|
| | Original | Final | Actual | Final Budget |
| Beginning Year Fund Balance | \$ 52,392 | \$ 52,392 | \$ 52,392 | - |
| Resources (Inflows) | | | | |
| Property Taxes | 4,600 | 4,600 | 21,133 | 16,533 |
| Charges for Services | - | - | 5,409 | 5,409 |
| Interest | | | 1,447 | 1,447 |
| Amounts Available for Appropriation | 56,992 | 56,992 | 80,381 | 23,389 |
| Charges to Appropriations (Outflows) | | | | |
| Contracted Fire Services | 55,000 | 55,000 | 41,324 | 13,676 |
| Total Charges to Appropriation | 55,000 | 55,000 | 41,324 | 13,676 |
| Budgetary Fund Balance - March 31, 2008 | \$ 1,992 | \$ 1,992 | \$ 39,057 | \$ 37,065 |

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund For the Year Ended March 31, 2008

| | Budget Actual | | A otyol | Favorable (Unfavorable) | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------|-------------------------|------------|---------|
| | | Budget Actual | | (Un | iavorable) | |
| Revenues | | | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ | 22,000 | \$ | 34,174 | \$ | 12,174 |
| PILT | Ψ | 22,000 | Ψ | 6,668 | Ψ | 6,668 |
| Licenses and Permits | | _ | | 5,836 | | 5,836 |
| State Grants | | 153,910 | | 155,318 | | 1,408 |
| Charges for Services | | - | | 3,250 | | 3,250 |
| Interest and Dividends | | _ | | 5,419 | | 5,419 |
| Refunds & Rebates | | _ | | 7,104 | | 7,104 |
| Other Revenue | | | | 305 | | 305 |
| Total Revenues | | 175,910 | | 218,074 | | 42,164 |
| Expenditures | | | | | | |
| General Government | | | | | | |
| Township Board | | | | | | |
| Salaries and Wages | | | | 4,200 | | |
| Office Supplies | | | | 200 | | |
| Repairs and Maintenance | | | | 3,634 | | |
| Printing and Publishing | | | | 1,265 | | |
| Miscellaneous | | | | 2,448 | | |
| Professional Services | | | | 11,152 | | |
| Contracted Services | | | | 30,791 | | |
| Membership Dues | | | | 1,021 | | |
| | | 182,200 | | 54,711 | | 127,489 |
| Supervisor | | | | | | |
| Salaries and Wages | | | | 9,090 | | |
| Supplies | | | | 487 | | |
| Education and Training | | | | 214 | | |
| Transportation | | | | 856 | | |
| | \$ | 10,900 | | 10,647 | \$ | 253 |

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in fund Balance - General Fund (continued)

| Elections | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|----------|-------------|
| Salaries and Wages | | \$ 825 | |
| Supplies | | 58 | |
| Transportation | | 245 | |
| Education and Training | | 60 | |
| Printing & Publishing | | 23 | |
| | | | |
| \$ | 4,400 | 1,211 | \$ 3,189 |
| Clerk | | | |
| Salaries and Wages | | 14,210 | |
| Deputy Clerk Salaries & Wages | | 1,260 | |
| Office Supplies | | 263 | |
| Transportation | | 519 | |
| Education and Training | | 259 | |
| | 20,000 | 16,511 | 3,489 |
| Treasurer | | | |
| Salaries and Wages | | 12,120 | |
| Deputy Treasurer Salaries & Wages | | 1,200 | |
| Office Supplies | | 449 | |
| Transportation | | 941 | |
| Education and Training | | 79 | |
| | 20,700 | 14,789 | 5,911 |
| Assessor | | | |
| Salaries and Wages | | 9,600 | |
| Education & Training | | 125 | |
| Supplies | | 37 | |
| Transportation | | 324 | |
| Miscellaneous | | 1,178 | |
| | 11,100 | 11,264 | (164) |
| Township Hall and Grounds | | | |
| Supplies | | 131 | |
| Professional Services | | - | |
| Contractual Services | | 760 | |
| Propane | | 1,300 | |
| Telephone | | 1,608 | |
| Utilities | | 672 | |
| Repairs | | 87 | |
| \$ | 5,000 | \$ 4,558 | \$ 442 |

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in fund Balance - General Fund (continued)

| Board of Review & Appeals Salaries & Wages Printing & Publishing | | \$ 870 459 | |
|--|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Timing & Tuonshing | | 4 37 | |
| Cemetery | \$ 1,550 | 1,329 | \$ 221 |
| Salaries and Wages | | 3,934 | |
| Supplies | | 694 | |
| Utilities | | 261 | |
| Contracted Services Capital Outlay | | 2,511 | |
| | 8,900 | 7,400 | 1,500 |
| Total General Government | 264,750 | 122,420 | 142,330 |
| Public Safety | | | |
| Building Inspection | | | |
| Salaries and Wages | | 6,912 | |
| Transportation | | 379 | |
| Education and Training | | 175 | |
| | 8,100 | 7,466 | 634 |
| Total Public Safety | 8,100 | 7,466 | 634 |
| Public Works | | | |
| Highways, Streets and Bridges | | | |
| Miscellaneous Expense | | 400 | |
| Utilities | | 420 | |
| Total Public Works | 1,000 | 820 | 180 |
| Community & Economic Development | | | |
| Zoning Board of Appeals | \$ 1,700 | \$ 560 | \$ 1,140 |

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in fund Balance - General Fund (continued)

| Zoning Administrator Salaries and Wages | | | \$ | 3,200 231 | |
|---|----|---------|------|--------------|---------------|
| Transportation Supplies | | | | 231 5 | |
| | | | | | |
| | \$ | 4,800 | | 3,436 | \$ 1,364 |
| Planning | | | | | |
| Salaries | | | | 2,250 | |
| Supplies | | | | 184 | |
| Transportation | | | | 55 | |
| Printing & Publishing | | | | 67 | |
| | | 2,900 | | 2,556 | 344 |
| Total Community & Economic Dev. | | 9,400 | | 6,552 | 2,848 |
| Contingencies & Other | | | | | |
| Payroll Taxes | | 6,200 | | 5,255 | 945 |
| Miscellaneous | | 300 | | 105 | 195 |
| Insurance | | 4,000 | | 5,264 | (1,264) |
| Total Contingencies & Other | | 10,500 | | 10,624 | (124) |
| Total Expenditures | 2 | 293,750 | | 147,882 | 145,868 |
| Excess Revenues Over | | | | | |
| (Under) Expenditures | (1 | 17,840) | | 70,192 | 188,032 |
| Fund Balance - Beginning | 1 | 36,496 | | 136,496 | |
| Fund Balance - Ending | \$ | 18,656 | \$ 2 | 206,688 | \$ 188,032 |

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Township Board, Bridgeton Township Newaygo County, Grant, MI 49327

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Bridgeton Township as of and for the year ended March 31, 2008, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered Bridgeton Township's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Bridgeton Township's internal control.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affect the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. We consider the following deficiencies to be significant deficiencies in internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or a combination of significant deficiencies, that result in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. We identified the

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following deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Anti-Fraud Program

The Township has not adopted an Anti-Fraud Program as required by SAS 99.

Controls over Non-Routine and Non-Systematic Transactions

The Township does not have controls in place whereby adjusting journal entries are reviewed by individuals independent of the person initiating the transaction s.

Controls over Financial Statement Preparation

The Township currently does not have personnel available with sufficient expertise to select and apply the accounting principles necessary to prepare the financial statements and note disclosures contained in the audit report.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management and the Township Board, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,

Hendon & Slate, P.C.

Hendon & Slate

Certified Public Accountants

September 30, 2008

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September 30, 2008

To the Board Members Bridgeton Township, Grant, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Township of Troy for the year ended March 31, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated September 30, 2008. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

Our Responsibility under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letter dated April 11, 2008, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express opinions about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Bridgeton Township are described in Note A of the financial statements. A Capitalization policy by the township board was adopted. The applications of existing policies were not changed during the 2007-2008 fiscal year. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements was:

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Management's estimate of the accumulated depreciation on property and equipment is based on straight line depreciation. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the Capital outlay and assets in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagree ments with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated September 30, 2008.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

PRIOR COMMENTS

We are very happy to report that the books and records were again maintained in excellent condition.

Capitalization & Credit Card Policy

We are pleased to see that the Township has adopted a Capitalization and a Credit Card Policy.

Budget Over expenditures

During our audit, we again noted a few instances of budgeted expenditures exceeding budgeted revenues. Furthermore each fund General, Fire, & Road should have their own separate budget at the beginning of the year and amended throughout the year when expenditures or revenues do not meet the budget for that particular line.

Segregation of Duties

While the Township is following the common practice amongst small governments of having the treasurer bear all of the responsibility for accounting for tax receipts and disbursements, the Uniform Accounting Procedures Manual does state that the clerk is to have a role in this process. Per the Manual, the Township should have a separate set of accounts similar to any other fund (such as the General Fund) and should use the same practices for accounting for transactions. That is to say that the Treasurer should receipt tax revenues and provide the receipt to the clerk to be recorded in the Tax Account. The clerk should also record all of the checks out of the Tax Account and reconcile the accounts of this fund with the treasurer's records. We understand that the Township may see this as an unnecessary series of steps that have never been performed and are often not performed by other Townships, but we view this as an opportunity to both comply with the Uniform Accounting Procedures Manual as well as strengthening the internal controls over cash and the entire tax collection and disbursement process. We have included a copy of the Uniform Accounting Procedures Manual and would be happy to assist the township in implementing these changes.

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This information is intended solely for the use of the members of the board and management of Bridgeton Township and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Hendon & Slate

Hendon & Slate, PC

Certified Public Accountants

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